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Grievances of the Madras Race Course workers.

* 72 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a copy of the memorandum submitted by the Madras Race Course Workers' Union to their management detailing their grievances was received by the Labour Department;

(*b*) whether any conciliation proceedings were conducted during February 1954;

(*c*) whether the Government have received any report from the Conciliation Officer; and

(*d*) what action has been taken by the Government on the report of the Conciliation Officer?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir. The Labour Officer held conciliation proceedings on the demands made by the Madras Race Course Labour Union on the management of the Madras Race Club, Limited, Guindy.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir.

" (*d*) The Government examined the demands of the Union and found that there was no case for adjudication. The Union was informed accordingly."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" அவர்கள் என்னென்ன கோரிக்கைகள் வைத்திருந்தார்கள். அந்த கோரிக்கைகளைப்பற்றி லேபர் அதிகாரி என்னென்ன சிபார்சுகள் செய்திருக்கிருர் என்ற விவரங்களைக் கொடுக்கமுடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, there were as many as 21 demands made by the Workers' Unions. If you would permit me, Sir, I shall read the demands and I can also read what the Government have noted against them."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Is it a lengthy one? If it is so, it can be printed and circulated."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Perhaps it may be read, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is not possible, if it is a lengthy one. We have got many more questions to go through. Further, we are rising to-day at one o'clock. How long is it? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It covers about one and a half pages, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister will print it and circulate it. I have got still 18 questions and only 15 or 20 minutes before me. I pass on to the next question. Mr. K. P. Gopalan will put his question now."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In the demands of the Workers' Union . . ."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, I presume we are on the next question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes, we are on question No. 73. I asked the hon. Member Mr. Gopalan to put the question."

Cancellation of the elections to the Ezhome Panchayat, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar.

* 73 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Government passed a special order urgently stopping the panchayat board election in Ezhome village in Chirakkal taluk in North Malabar on 21st May 1954;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the order of the Government stopping the election was received by the Returning Officer after the election was over; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received any representation against the Returning Officer for not announcing the results even after the election was over?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) On receipt of a representation on 20th May 1954 to the effect that the elections to the Ezhome Panchayat (newly constituted) fixed to take place on 21st May 1954 (Friday) might be postponed to some other day, so that the Muslims of the locality who formed the bulk of the voters might not be inconvenienced in observing their rituals on Friday during the fasting month of Ramzan, the Government issued telegraphic orders to the District Panchayat Officer, Malabar, cancelling the said elections.

" (*b*) The Election Officer of the panchayat reported that a telegram from the District Panchayat Officer, Malabar, conveying the orders of Government was received by him at 6-45 a.m. on 21st May 1954. He wired back to the District Panchayat Officer for confirmation and the District Panchayat Officer's reply reached the Election Officer after the election was over.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum from Sri K. P. Gopalan, M.L.A., has been received by the Government."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, are Government aware that even though they wanted to postpone the elections for the reason that the Muslims could not take part in the elections, a large percentage of the Muslims themselves voted on that particular day? Is it a fact that the Government postponed the elections after receiving some deputation from some of the Congress leaders of that locality and particularly will the Hon. Minister be pleased to clarify, if, once an election is over, it is not the rule governing elections that the result of the election cannot be changed? I want a definite answer, Sir."